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SUBJECT: FUNDS FOR INTERDICTION PROJECT WITH COLOMBIAN
ATTORNEY GENERAL

REF: (A) STATE 117250; (B) BOGOTA 5156

1) LAINCC RECOMMENDED AND AMBASSADOR VANCE HAS APPROVED
\$148,000 OF CCINC FUNDS PROPOSED FOR COLOMBIAN ATTORNEY
GENERAL'S INTERDICTION PROJECT. THIS INCLUDES FUNDS FOR
UNITS IN BOGOTA, CALI MEDELLIN, BARRANQUILLA, TURBO AND
LETICIA AND LABORATORY EQUIPMENT FOR MEDICINA LEGAL AND
NATIONAL POLICE FOR FIRST FISCAL YEAR. WE ARE ALSO PRO-
GRAMMING \$91,000 FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ACTIVITY FOR FUTURE
FUNDING OF SECOND TRANCHE OF ASSISTANCE FOR FIVE ADDITIONAL
UNITS PER PARA 1 REF B.

2) WE HAVE FORWARDED SECTION 113 NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS
AND AFTER REQUIRED 15 DAY WAITING PERIOD WE WILL NOTIFY
POST ON OR BEFORE JUNE 26 WHETHER TO OBLIGATE FUNDS THIS
FISCAL YEAR SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. IN MEANTIME
SUGGEST POST NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT WITH GOC BUT HELD UP FINAL
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3) QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED AS TO WHETHER PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO AG'S UNIT WILL REQUIRE TRAINING AND WHETHER THIS WOULD BE DONE BY COLOMBIANS OR REQUIRE OUR ASSISTANCE. WE FULLY PREPARED TO PROVIDE TRAINING IF NEEDED EITHER BY DEA OR CUSTOMS. PROJECT AGREEMENT SHOULD CLARIFY THAT TRAINED PERSONNEL WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THESE UNITS AND WHICH PARTY IS TO PROVIDE TRAINING IF NEEDED. IN ANY EVENT TRAINING RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE ARTICULATED IN PROAG.

4. ABOVE AMOUNTS AND LAB EQUIPMENT APPROVED SUBJECT TO RESPONSE FOLLOWING COMMENTS RE LAB EQUIPMENT. GAS CHROMATOGRAPH IS SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT WHICH REQUIRED ONLY IF DEGREE OF PURITY OF DRUGS REQUIRED BY COLOMBIAN LAW IN PROSECUTION. DOUBT HAS ALSO BEEN EXPRESSED ON NATIONAL POLICE COMPETENCE TO UTILIZE THIS EQUIPMENT. POLARIZATION MICROSCOPES HAVE LITTLE OR NO USE IN POLICE NARCOTICS LABS SINCE DRUGS MUST BE VERY PURE WITH VIRTUALLY NO CONTAMINANTS FOR MICROSCOPE TO BE USEFUL. MISSION COMMENTS REQUIRED. KISSINGER

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